

**TO: Chairman and Members**

**DATE: September 9, 2010**

**SUBJECT: Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility  
Corrective Action Plan Receipt**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3**

**ACTION:  
INFORMATION: X**

**RESOURCE PERSON: Field Representative, Toni Gardner**

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**Summary:**

This agenda item addresses receipt of Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility's (YDF) corrective action plan (CAP) following the 2008-2010 biennial inspection. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) is mandated under section 209(a), Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) to inspect California juvenile halls and to inform the facility operator of any noncompliance with the minimum standards adopted under WIC section 210. WIC section 209(d) requires that within 60 days of notification, a CAP be submitted to address identified areas of noncompliance. The section states that if a CAP is not received within 60 days, the facility "shall be unsuitable for the confinement of minors." As a result of noncompliance identified during CSA's 2008-10 inspection of the Sacramento YDF, the County was required to submit a CAP. The plan was due to CSA no later than July 10, 2010 but was not received until July 23, 2010. All noncompliance issues have been resolved.

**Background:**

CSA staff inspected Sacramento County's Youth Detention Facility on March 23, 2010. During an out brief on that date and a follow up visit on April 7, 2010, CSA identified areas of noncompliance and consulted with facility managers on possible corrective action. The CSA inspection letter, dated May 6, 2010 informed the department of the requirement to submit a CAP, pursuant to WIC section 209(d). Four areas were to be addressed: Title 15 sections 1313 Local Inspections, 1371 Recreation, 1372 Religious Services and 1462 Medical Diet. The due date for the CAP was July 10, 2010. The code requires full resolution of items of noncompliance within 90 days of that date, or October 10, 2010.

CSA received the department's CAP on July 23, 2010. Although due to an oversight, the document was received past its due date, corrective action had been ongoing since the date of our inspection. CSA staff have been in regular communication with YDF managers regarding various corrections. The CAP and attachments included the required local inspections and documentation of the corrective action taken relative to recreation and religious services. The plan included attempts to locate a registered dietician to approve the diet menus, as required by Title 15 section 1462.

CSA acknowledged receipt of the CAP in a letter to Chief Probation Officer Don Meyer on July 23, 2010. (Attachment B) and informed him that per WIC section 209(d) YDF "shall be unsuitable for the confinement of minors."

The failure of the department to submit a CAP by the date required is not at all reflective of the diligence and promptness that the department demonstrated in correcting the areas of noncompliance and informing CSA staff of their progress. We received confirmation of the review and approval of the diet manual on August 10, 2010. As a part of our quarterly Suitability Plan visit, CSA staff traveled to the facility and verified the implementation of changes to recreation and religious services. We are pleased to report that all areas of noncompliance have been corrected. Resolution occurred two months earlier than required in WIC section 209(d).

While WIC section 209(d) offers no direction regarding “undoing” the designation of unsuitable due to a late CAP, CSA staff consider Sacramento County’s Youth Detention Facility to be suitable for the confinement of minors.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed:**

Information only